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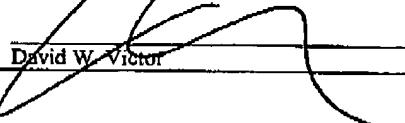
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	G.T. Axberg et al.	Examiner	Azizul Q. Choudhury
Serial No.	09/972,310	Group Art Unit	2145
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TITLE	STORAGE AREA NETWORK METHODS AND APPARATUS WITH EVENT NOTIFICATION CONFLICT RESOLUTION		

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David W. VictorAMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to a first non-final office action in the above case dated October 5, 2005 ("Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) by over cited art. On January 31, 2006, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview. During the phone interview, the Examiner and Applicants discussed amendments to the claims to clarify the claim language. The Examiner said he would review the cited Crockett and the rejection in view of the discussed claim amendments Applicants' arguments, which are submitted herein. Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11.